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# THE ONTARIO MEDAL FOR GOOD CITIZENSHIP



On June 14, 1973, the "Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship" was established as part of a new government undertaking designed to recognize outstanding contributions from all areas of Ontario society.

The following is an excerpt from the speech, announcing the new award:

*"The cornerstone of the new award will be the concept of citizenship, which has been defined as the quality of an individual's response to membership in a community. A good citizen has also been defined as a person who does not live for himself alone, and this is the attribute that the government intends to honour and commemorate.*

*In a society as complex and interdependent as ours, it is important, and I think timely, that we recognize the force for good exerted by many of our fellow citizens doing things that are generous and useful — simply because they themselves feel they should.*

*The new Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship will be a means of affording this recognition and tribute to these citizens who, through their selflessness, humanity and kindness make this a better province in which to live."*

The medal, designed by Toronto sculptor Gerald Gladstone, is a round silver disc that has the Ontario Coat of Arms engraved on one side, and a trillium, Ontario's official flower, on the other. The ribbon of the medal, in green, white and gold, bears the colours of the trillium.

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An Advisory Council, comprised of a chairman and nine persons will consider nominations for the Award of the Medal and compile and submit to the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario lists of nominees who, in the opinion of the Advisory Council, have the greatest merit for award of the Medal. The award shall only be conferred by Order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council upon the recommendation of the Advisory Council.

The Chairman of the Advisory Council is Mrs. Lois Rosenquist, Morrisburg.

Honorary Chairman of the Advisory Council:

The Honourable Lincoln M. Alexander,

P.C., K.St.J., B.A.

Lieutenant Governor of Ontario

Any person or organization may submit to the Secretary for consideration by the Advisory Council a nomination for Award of the Medal. The nominee must be a resident of the Province of Ontario.

The Award of the Medal shall be made:

- to recognize personal sacrifice in the common good in all areas of society;
- to recognize the virtue that leads some citizens to act in a particularly generous, kind or self-sacrificing way in the common good without expectation of reward.

No person holding an elected public office under the authority of any statute of the Legislature of Ontario or of the Parliament of Canada may be awarded the Medal during his or her occupancy of the office, nor for services performed for the common good while holding such office.



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No person shall be awarded the Medal for services performed during the normal course of his or her professional or business duties or as recognition of the fact that he or she has performed those duties in a distinguished fashion.

The Award of the Medal shall not be made posthumously unless death occurs after the nominee has been selected as a recipient by the Advisory Council.

The Award of the Medal shall not be made for acts of bravery.

Persons wishing to submit nominations for the Ontario Medal For Good Citizenship may obtain a nomination form by writing to the following address:

The Secretary  
Advisory Council  
Ontario Medal For Good Citizenship  
12th Floor, Ferguson Block  
Queen's Park,  
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1N3.